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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BACCHUS RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's chapter of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) earned a second place award for Outstanding Student School Display at the National BACCHUS General Assembly in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The BACCHUS display promoted the "power of positive choices" through a photo collage of alcohol-free activities, a newly-created "101 Things To Do in Charleston" poster and other items.

"Our student delegation came back to Eastern with many new ideas for substance abuse prevention and awareness programs," said Lynette Drake, Eastern's director of orientation and coordinator of AIDS, alcohol and drug information.

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Representatives from BACCHUS and Eastern's chapter of GAMMA (Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol), along with 600 students and advisors from colleges and universities across the country, attended the assembly.

"We are proud that a number of schools have adopted Eastern programs that our BACCHUS and GAMMA chapters have found extremely successful over the past few years," Drake added.

Most recently, Eastern's BACCHUS chapter was invited to present a program at an Illinois Department of Transportation training conference for community colleges.

BACCHUS, with 575 active chapters in the U. S. and Canada, is an international organization supporting responsible decision-making concerning the use or non-use of alcohol by college students.